REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the determination that claims 1-91 contain allowable subject matter. This paper should resolve any remaining objections to the issuance of the application.

Filed on an even date herewith and under separate cover are formal drawings. No amendments have been made to the substance of the drawings.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 13-17, 24, 28, 31, 34, 35, 43-47, 54, 58, 61, 64, 65, 73-77, 84, 88, and 91 have been amended to remove objections noted in the Office Action and otherwise.

Objection to Drawings

The drawings stand objected to for being unclear and overall difficult to read. Formal drawings have been submitted to address these issues.

Objection to Claims

Claims 1, 31, 61, and 91 stand objected to for noted informalities. With this paper, these claims, among others, have been amended to address these issues and to bring them into better agreement with FIG. 2 of the disclosure.

Request for Allowance

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and an early allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

If any matters remain which could be resolved in a telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to expedite resolution of any such matters. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

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